

DESCRIPTION OF THE 2003 SALT LAKE CITY FIRE WEATHER DISTRICT:

Forecast Area 1...Northern Utah

(Covers the majority of the Northern Utah IFC and the western half of the Uinta Basin IFC dispatch area boundaries)

Zone 420....Great Salt Lake Desert and Mountains

Covers primarily uninhabited wilderness in Box Elder and Tooele counties. Elevations mainly vary from 4200-6000 feet ASL. The primarily north-south oriented mountain ranges can rise up to 11,000 feet ASL however. This zone is mainly composed of Salt Lake District BLM, the Dugway Proving Grounds (DOD), and Utah State owned lands. It also includes the Golden Spike National Historic Site (NPS), the Skull Valley Indian Reservation (BIA), the Tooele Army Depot in the Rush valley (DOD) and USFS land in the Raft River, Stansbury, and Sheeprock Mountains.

Zone 421....Cache Valley

Covers primarily the privately owned land of the populated Cache valley. Elevations vary from 4500-6000 feet ASL.

Zone 422....Northern Wasatch Front

Covers primarily the privately owned land of the densely populated Northern Wasatch Front. Also includes the Bear River and Ogden Bay National Bird Refuges, as well as the DOD's Hill Airfield. Elevations vary from 4200-6000 feet ASL.

Zone 423....Salt Lake and Tooele Valleys

Covers primarily the privately owned land of the densely populated Salt Lake and Tooele valleys. Also includes the Tooele Army Depot and some Salt Lake District BLM land in the Tooele valley. Elevations vary from 4200-6000 feet.

Zone 424....Southern Wasatch Front

Covers primarily the privately owned land of the densely populated Southern portion of the Wasatch Front. Also includes the Camp Williams military reservation and some Salt Lake District BLM land. Elevations vary from 4200-6000 feet except for a few isolated mountains rising up as high as 7000 feet.

Zone 425....Wasatch Mountain Valleys

Covers primarily the privately owned land of the populated Wasatch mountain valleys. This includes the Weber river valley, Ogden river valley, Snyderville basin, Heber and Kamas valleys. Elevations vary from 5500-7000 feet ASL.

Zone 426....Wasatch Mountains north of Interstate-80

The high elevations of the Wasatch mountains north of I-80. Covers the Cache NF and extreme northern portions of the Wasatch NF. Also includes some Salt Lake District BLM land. Elevations vary from 6000-11,000 feet.

Zone 427....Wasatch Mountains south of Interstate-80

The high elevations of the Wasatch mountains south of I-80. Covers portions of the Wasatch NF and the entire Uinta NF. Also includes some Salt Lake District BLM land and the Timpanogos Cave NM (NPS). Elevations vary from 6000-11,500 feet.

Zone 428....Western Uinta Mountains

Covers the eastern most portions of the Wasatch NF and western most portions of the Ashley NF in the Western Uinta mountains. Also includes portions of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation and privately owned lands in northern Duchesne county. Elevations vary from 6500-13,500 feet ASL.

Zone 429....West Tavaputs Plateau and surrounding ranges

The southern portion of the Ashley NF, West Tavaputs Plateau, the Roan and Book Cliffs west of the Green River. Includes portions of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in southern Duchesne county. Also includes Vernal and Price District BLM, private and Utah State lands in southern Duchesne eastern Carbon and extreme northeast counties. Elevations vary from 7000-10,500 feet.

Zone 430....Western Uinta Basin

The Uinta Basin in Duchesne county and extreme northeast Carbon county. Includes portions of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, private, Utah State and Vernal District BLM lands. Also includes Price District BLM lands in extreme northeast Carbon county. Elevations vary from about 5000-6500 feet.

Forecast Area 2...Central Utah

(Covers the majority of the Richfield IFC and the western portion of the Moab IFC dispatch area boundary)

Zone 431....Castle Valley

Covers the populated Castle valley along state highway 10 from Helper south to Emery. Includes a mix of Price District BLM, private and Utah State lands in southwest Carbon and northwest Emery counties. Elevations vary from 5500-6500 feet ASL.

Zone 432....San Rafael Swell and Desert

Consists of primarily wilderness area in Emery and Wayne counties. Includes Richfield and Price District BLM, private and Utah State lands. Also includes the Wayne county portion of the Glen Canyon Recreational Area and the Horseshoe Canyon Extension of Canyonlands NP. Elevations mainly vary from 4200-6200 feet ASL...but with a few isolated peaks up to about 7500 feet.

Zone 433....San Pete and Sevier Valleys

Covers primarily Richfield District BLM, private and Utah State owned land in the San Pete and Sevier valleys. Elevations mainly vary from 5000-6000 feet ASL.

Zone 434....West Central Deserts and Mountains

Covers primarily uninhabited wilderness in Juab and Millard counties. Elevations vary from 4500-9000 feet ASL. This zone is composed of the entire Fillmore District BLM and Utah State owned lands. It also includes the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge and the Goshute Indian Reservation (BIA).

Zone 436....Central Utah Mountains

The high elevations of Central Utah. Includes the entire Fishlake NF and Manti NF. Also includes Capitol Reef NP north of the Garfield county line and Richfield District BLM land. Elevations vary from 6000-12,000 feet.

Forecast Area 3...Southwest Utah

(Covers the majority of the Cedar City IFC and the extreme southeast portion of Richfield IFC dispatch area boundary)

Zone 435....Southwest Deserts and Mountains

Covers primarily uninhabited wilderness in Beaver and Iron counties. Elevations vary from 5000-9000 feet ASL. The majority of this zone is composed of a mix of Cedar City District BLM, private and Utah State owned lands. It also includes the Indian Peak Wildlife Management Area.

Zone 437....Southwest and South Central Mountains

The high elevations of Southwest and South Central Utah. Includes the entire Dixie NF, Bryce Canyon NP, Cedar Breaks NM, and most of Zion NP. Also includes some portions of the Cedar City, St. George, Kanab BLM Districts. Elevations vary from about 5000-12,000 feet.

Zone 438....Henry Mountains

The Henry Mountains and Circle Cliffs areas in Wayne and Garfield counties. Includes portions of the Richfield, Kanab and Grand Staircase-Escalante NM BLM Districts. Also includes the Garfield county portion of Capitol Reef NP. Elevations vary from about 6500-11,500 feet ASL.

Zone 439....Utahs Dixie and Zion Canyon

The lowest elevations in Utah located in south central and southeast Washington county. This zone consists primarily of St. George District BLM, private and Utah State owned lands. It also contains the Shivwits Indian Reservation and the extreme southern portion of Zion NP, namely the Zion Canyon Area. Elevations vary from 2800-5000 feet.

Zone 440....South Central Utah

Mostly the Grand Staircase-Escalante NM in Kane and Garfield counties. Also includes the Vermilion Cliffs in extreme southeast Washington county, and southern portions of the Kanab BLM District. Elevations vary from about 4500-7500 feet.

Zone 441....Glen Canyon National Recreation Area/Lake Powell

Covers the entire Glen Canyon National Recreation Area south of the Wayne county line. Also includes the Rainbow Bridge NM and the Navajo Indian Reservation west of Navajo Mountain. Elevations vary from about 3700-6000 feet ASL.